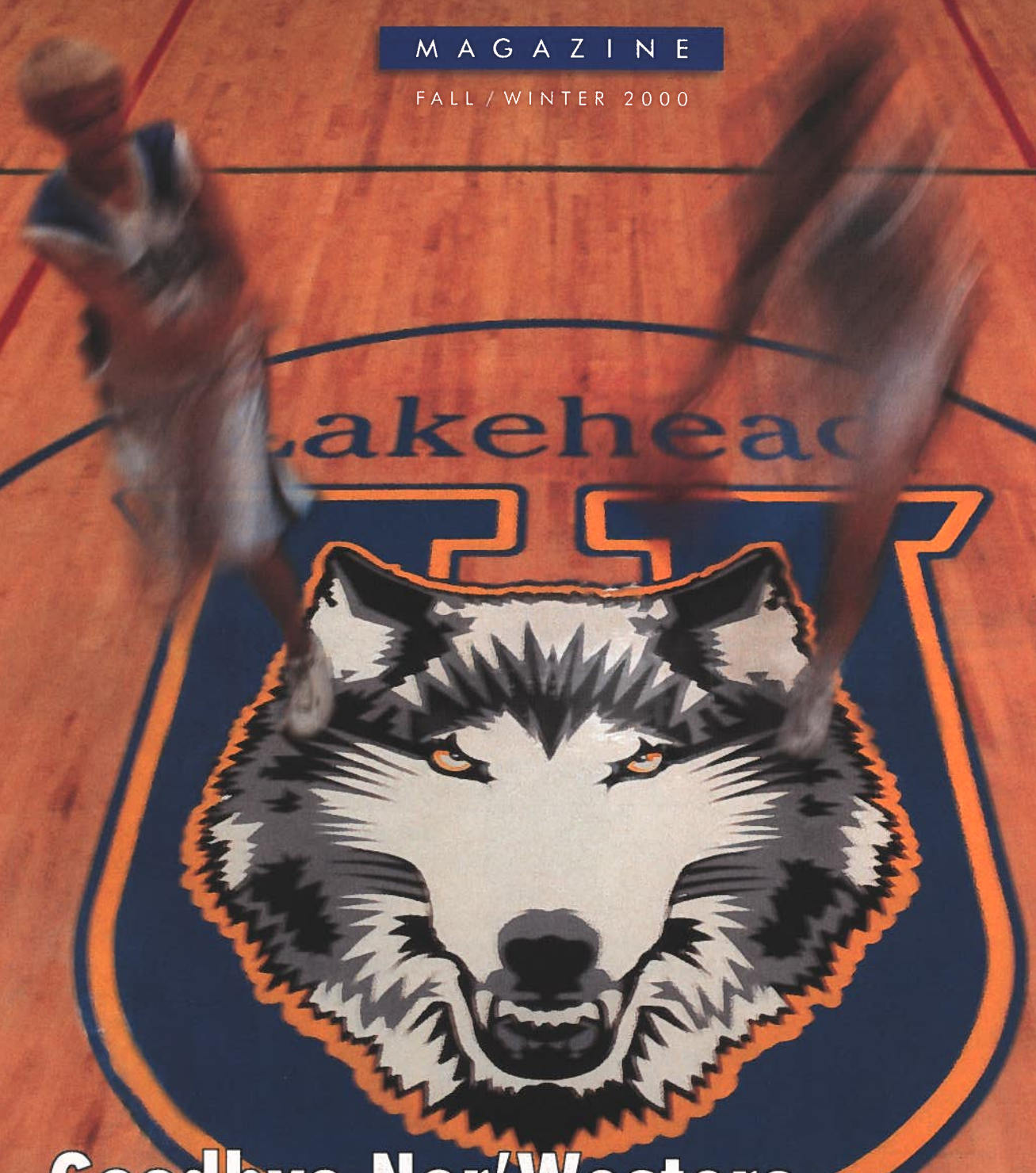


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Cover

On the cover of this issue we mark two important changes in the life of Lakehead University. The first is the change in the name of our athletic teams from "Nor'Westers" to "Thunderwolves." The second is the change in the name of the magazine from *Nor'Wester: A Magazine for Lakehead University Alumni and Friends* to simply *Lakehead University Magazine*.

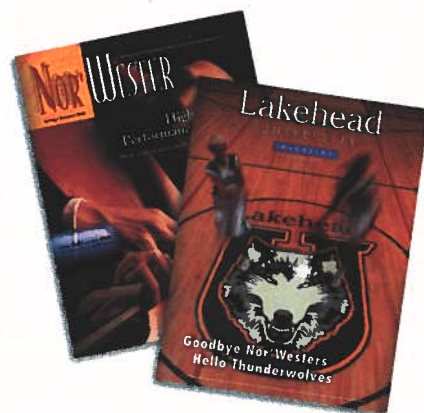
Why the change? In a word: marketing.

Stu Julius (HBPHE'77, BED'78), former co-ordinator of athletics and coach of the women's basketball team, was instrumental in the name change. He says the move came about in an effort to market the team more effectively. "It's hard to identify with a mountain range," he said.



The new name, Thunderwolves, was decided upon after consultation with the Lakehead University Student Union. It ties in with the unofficial name of the gymnasium — Thunderdome — and captures the energy and spirit of our student teams. The newly designed logo also offers greater scope for the manufacture and sale of clothing and gifts.

THUNDERWOLVES



As for the name of the magazine, it too was done in an effort to strengthen our image and identity — to reinforce our "brand."

The mission of the magazine has not changed. Our job is to provide alumni and other members of the Lakehead University community with accurate and timely information about the institution's goals, achievements and challenges.

Our function is to serve as a communications tool for the Alumni Association and to encourage greater interest and participation in the affairs of Lakehead University.

We hope you like what you see, and we hope you'll tell us what you think.

— Frances Harding, Editor

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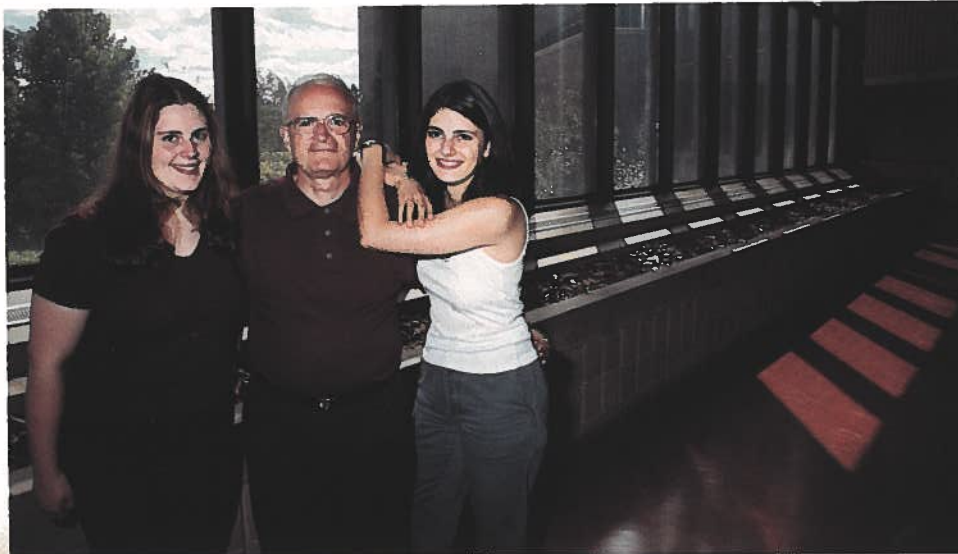
"Everything I teach and everything I'm interested in beyond my flower garden has to do with inquiry, sense-making, and taking effective action."

— Ken Brown



A+ Cappello

Tony Cappello (BA'86) and his wife Lina must be doing something right. All three of their children are outstanding students and have chosen to complete their first degree at Lakehead. Marie received the Fessenden-Trott Scholarship worth \$27,000. She is a graduate of the HBSc (Chemistry) program and has been accepted into the medical program at the University of Toronto. Michele is this year's recipient of the \$6,000 Alumni Award and the \$4,000 Helen Dewar Thunder Bay Foundation Award. Like her sister, she is planning to study chemistry at Lakehead and has set her sites on medical school. Their brother Carlo (BA/BEd'97) is teaching English and history at St. Patrick's High School in Thunder Bay and is just a few credits short of getting his master's degree in education at Lakehead.



Relentless Curiosity

Ken Brown, a professor in the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment, has been awarded the Lakehead University Distinguished Instructor Award for 1999.

During the past 10 years, he has served as the University's Instructional Development Advisor and has led a series of workshops for faculty and staff on creating a shared vision of the future.

Says Brown: "I now think that academic achievement has more to do with the desire to know than with an innate aptitude for the subject at hand. I try not to judge students solely on the basis of their current marks and prefer to believe that all of them can do well once their interest is piqued."

Michele, Tony and Marie Cappello

Report

PHD IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

The Ontario Council on Graduate Studies has approved a PhD program in Educational Studies being offered jointly by Lakehead, Brock, Windsor and Western. The program will make extensive use of the Internet and online classes.

WORKING TOGETHER

Lakehead University and Confederation College have agreed on a collaborative program leading to a baccalaureat in nursing. Beginning September 2001, students will be able to take courses on both campuses.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Friday, past president of the Alumni Association, was appointed president of the Human Resources Professionals Association of Ontario; Bill Melnyk, a professor emeritus of psychology, was elected president of the Canadian Psychological Association; and Inderjit Nirdosh, a professor of chemical engineering, was awarded the first Faculty Advisors Award from the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering.

TEAM INDIGENOUS

Lakehead was selected by the Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa, as the Official Training Site for its Indigenous Hockey Program and Indigenous Sports Centre of Excellence. Team Indigenous, made up of 23 players from across Canada, were in Thunder Bay for training from July 31 to August 2, 2000, before leaving to play at the Universal Players Hockey Tournament in Tampere, Finland. The goals of the Program are to create opportunities for Indigenous youth to excel physically, emotionally, spiritually and culturally through education and professional sports training and to help address issues such as suicide, high drop out rates in school, substance and solvent abuse, and extreme poverty.

Facts & Figures

Who is Lakehead's new Technology Transfer Officer?

Barbara Eccles (HBSc'90), a lawyer and graduate of Lakehead, is assisting faculty and others in the region with patents, copyright, and commercializing intellectual property in general. In October, she co-ordinated a day-long seminar on topics relating to intellectual property management. You can contact her by calling (807) 343-8184.

E-mail: barb.eccles@lakeheadu.ca

What percentage of the full-time undergraduate student body were enrolled in Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism during 1999/2000?

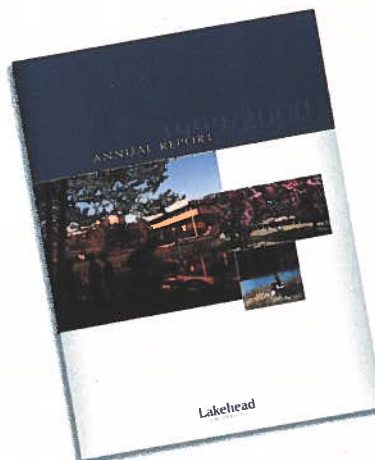
8.4% were enrolled in Outdoor Recreation, compared with 5.5% in Forestry, 10.4% in Engineering, and 19.2% in Arts and Humanities.

Which Ukrainian institution is Lakehead working with to help improve Internet communications?

It is Prydniprovsk State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture in Dniepropetrovsk. This year, the institution is celebrating its 70th anniversary while Lakehead is celebrating its 35th.

Is Lakehead's graduation rate above or below the provincial average?

At 73.3%, Lakehead's graduation rate is comparable to the provincial average of 73.2%. We also know that 88.5% of our graduates are employed six months after graduation and 95.9% are employed two years after graduation.



Annual Report Online

Find out more by reading the 1999/2000 Annual Report online at: www.lakeheadu.ca/report/



Margaret Page
CM, CSIS, CD, MPH,
BScN, Reg.N.

Alumni Honour Award 2000

Last May, Margaret Page was presented with the Alumni Honour Award for service to her Alma Mater. In her address to the graduating class on Convocation Eve she spoke about her affection for Lakehead, saying, "I have had a love affair with this University that will go on probably for as long as I live."

- Public Health Educator
- Former Chair and Director, School of Nursing, Lakehead University
- Professor Emeritus of Nursing, Lakehead University
- Fellow of Lakehead University
- Honorary Lieutenant Colonel 18 (Thunder Bay) Medical Company
- Member Emeritus, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario
- Former Principal, Kamuzu College of Nursing, University of Malawi
- Member, Order of Canada

Letters

HIGH PERFORMANCE: MUSIC GRADS ARE MAKING THEIR MARK

Spring/Summer 2000

I read your article and as a music alumna I'd like to say thanks! It was so great to hear about what people are doing. Just for an update I am currently teaching K-8 music in a small town outside of Stratford, Ontario. I hope to pursue graduate studies sometime (I was accepted to UVic and Wayne State however I deferred). I am soon to be married and will be known forever after as Cynthia Fedorowski (which is worse?). Again, thanks for taking an interest.

— Cynthia Fedorowski (née Auckland), London, Ontario

Just got the Nor'Wester — thanks so much. It looks great and it really is a terrific article on the music program at Lakehead. I am pleased to hear about so many of my colleagues that I have lost touch with, and that they are doing well.

— Dylan W. Benson
Toronto, Ontario

I think it's a great thing to promote the Department of Music — it's an important part of the University community and of the city/region at large, although this is perhaps not widely recognized.

— Deanna Leah Oye
Rochester, New York

BRIGHT STARS: A SALUTE TO THE CLASS OF '65

Spring/Summer 1999

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed your articles on the Class of 1965. It has been a long time since I heard about a number of the folks in the articles. Thanks.

— Jack Edwards
Edmonton, Alberta

Thunderstruck

Student Orientation 2000

Remember your first week on campus? Settling into Residence? Making new friends? Participating (or not) in the highjinks and high spirits of Orientation?

To help students cope with the ups and the downs of university life, Lakehead carefully recruits and trains 17 Residence Assistants.

Before Orientation Week begins in September, the RAs spend six days engaged in team-building exercises and discussing issues relevant to 18- to 24-year-olds. Topics include stress, depression, eating disorders, substance abuse, racism, homophobia, special needs, mediation and conflict resolution.



RA's Reunite!

Fourteen Residence Assistants from 1996-97 gathered in Hamilton, Ontario, last July to remember their "Rez years." The reunion began on Friday with lunch on a patio followed by a tour of historic Dundurn Castle and a BBQ (RA training style) back at McMaster University residence. Says Shawna Hickey: "The evening flew by, looking at pictures and telling stories, and before we knew it were were settling in for the night within the all-too-familiar surroundings of a university residence."

"One thing is for sure — this group will reunite again next year and make it an annual event."



These photos were taken by the Residence Assistants for 2000/2001.

Film and photo processing were generously provided by Black's Photography, Thunder Bay.



A NOTE TO ALL GRADS:

Please ensure that Lakehead has your current address and phone number by contacting the Office of Alumni Services at 1-800-832-8076
E-mail: alumni@lakeheadu.ca



Residence Assistants (left to right): Julie Kress, Patti Parton, Joel Manorek, Tamara Kolber, Nicole Egan and Becky Griffin

Photo by Peter Puna



Canadian music fans will know Buffy Sainte-Marie as a singer and songwriter who was inducted into the Juno Hall of Fame in 1995. But increasingly, she is gaining international recognition for her work with Aboriginal people and her contributions to cross-cultural education.

Sainte-Marie was born at the Piapot (Cree) Reserve in Saskatchewan and holds a PhD in fine arts from the University of Massachusetts. In the 1970s, she appeared regularly on Sesame Street, and has since used her fame and fortune to establish the Nihewan Foundation for American Indian Education.

Last May, Buffy Sainte-Marie was presented with an Doctor of Letters, honoris causa. The text on this page is adapted from her Convocation address to the Class of 2000. She is pictured above with Native elder Richard Lyons who received the same honorary degree from Lakehead in 1991.

Buffy Sainte-Marie

“With every day that goes by, we come closer to understanding the value and meaning of living in the Western hemisphere. Aboriginal people, students, people of alternative thinking, women, and original thinkers are about to emerge from 500 years of undercover greatness. The world is about to profit by hearing everybody's voice — including yours — at last!

Original and alternative thinkers suffer from the same lack of self-identity and self-esteem as Aboriginal people everywhere. This has been a residual from imperialistic control that reached its peak in the Roman Empire, and which has played tyrant to original thought, student voices, and alternative thinking. Its day is happily over. The digital door is open, and today you are walking through. And boy, do we ever need you!

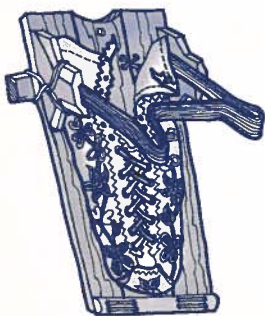
People with fresh ideas need to have impact on the rest of the world. Now, I'm not complaining. I'm not standing here with my hand out saying that we have not been given enough of a share. I'm saying that we have not been allowed to make our contributions. With regard to Aboriginal people, it's also true that the contributions we have made, are seldom recognized.

Toboggans, cranial surgery, anesthetic, the rubber bulb syringe, hammocks, asphalt, the formula for aspirin, quinine, the marimba and the screw top jar are things used every day in our lives but are seldom associated with Indigenous inventiveness.

My message to you today is that it's all about the contribution of new ideas from everyone. Put another way, it's about maximizing all of our collective heritages and all of our collective talents, regardless of our age. I'm hoping to see alternative people empowered with computers and on the Net; not just because we deserve to be there, but because millions of us need to hear one another's alternative points of view.”

Aboriginal Innovations

Illustrations by Ben Kaminski



Lakehead University has received funding from Northern Affairs Canada to profile Aboriginal innovations in arts, science and technology. Project collaborators include Buffy Sainte-Marie and the Lakehead University Native Students Association. Researchers, working in conjunction with Lakehead's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, are gathering information that will be published in a handbook and distributed to schools and other organizations. For more information contact Nova Lawson at (807) 343-8599.



Weather Watch

Environment Canada and Lakehead University are working cooperatively to advance knowledge in atmospheric science, environmental prediction and environmental issues.

Dr. Fred Hopper, an environmental science officer in the Ontario Region's Thunder Bay Regional Weather Centre, will work as an adjunct professor at Lakehead and teach a second-year course in meteorology. Joint research efforts will focus on improving meteorological products, facilitating the exchange of meteorological expertise between other environmental scientists, and studying environmental issues particularly relevant to Northern Ontario.

Access to Preferred Services

"Membership in the Lakehead University Alumni Association means much more than getting a magazine," says Manager of Alumni Services Rob Zuback. "Our partnership with Meloche Monnex is an excellent example of the exclusive benefits we can offer our members — high quality insurance at very competitive rates." If you are interested in home, automobile, travel or small business insurance, contact Meloche Monnex Insurance at 1-800-268-8955 or visit their website: monnex.com

Chapter News

Alumni Association President David Heald hosted an evening last June at Vancouver's Babalu Tapas Lounge. Lakehead has over 500 alumni in the Vancouver area and this initial get-together, attended by about 30 people, was aimed at determining the level of interest in starting an alumni chapter in the region. Special thanks to James Clay (BAdmin '92), Bob Keenan (BA/HB Comm '89), and Bill Martino, Jr. for their assistance.

Social events for alums in Ottawa and Vancouver are being planned. Watch the mail for further details. If you would like to organize an event for alumni where you live, contact the Office of Alumni Services.

Director of Corporate Relations Moe Kytlor (far left) and Manager of Alumni Services Rob Zuback (far right) with some of Lakehead's Vancouver alumni.



Alumni Matters is a regular column featuring news and information about products and services offered by The Alumni Association of Lakehead University and the Office of Alumni Services. For further information contact Rob Zuback, manager of alumni services, by phone (807) 343-8916, fax (807) 343-8999 or E-mail: rob.zuback@lakeheadu.ca. Information is also available on the web: <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~alumni/>

Home and Away Schedule

Basketball, volleyball and wrestling fans take note. A schedule of all Thunderwolves varsity games — both Home and Away — is being published on the University website. If you would like a copy mailed to you, contact Athletics at (807) 343-8213.

LU-Net sold to Thunder Bay Telephone

In August, Lakehead University announced that LU-Net had been sold to Thunder Bay Telephone. For a period of six months beginning September 1, 2000, Thunder Bay Telephone will honour the revenue-sharing agreement that exists between it and the Alumni Association. However, the Alumni Association will not be signing on any additional subscribers.



"LU-Net was successful beyond our wildest dreams," says Lakehead University President Fred Gilbert. "What was originally a course delivery vehicle for the University soon became a very successful Internet business. Unfortunately, Lakehead was unable to continue to meet the demands of its Internet customers while remaining focused on the ongoing need to maintain Lakehead University as a world-class educational institution."

According to Thunder Bay Telephone General Manager Sharon Hacio, the purchase of LU-Net allows the company to further expand its regional ties. "We will continue to work with both the University and its community partners throughout the region to ensure that the services currently provided by LU-Net are expanded and continually upgraded," she said. "Our purchase of LU-Net is a natural fit with our recently announced commitment to develop the 807 Northwest Network broadband ATM network in Northwestern Ontario and our ongoing development of our wireless network."

Update

The Alumni Association of Lakehead University is pleased to announce the appointment of its Board of Directors for 2000-2001.

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The Board consists of 15 elected alumni who each serve two-year terms. There is no limit on how many subsequent terms they may serve. The Board meets monthly and each member is expected to serve on at least one committee. Nominations are now being accepted for May 2001. Members of the Board must be an alumna/us of Lakehead University.

If you would like to join the Board or volunteer in any other way, contact Rob Zuback at the Office of Alumni Services.



Golfers gather around major sponsor Bob Thompson of Financial Concept Group.

Alumni Annual Fund

Every year, Lakehead University coordinates a telephone fund-raising drive to raise money for scholarships, bursaries and other worthy projects on campus. Last year Lakehead raised \$185,000 thanks to the generosity of its graduates. This year the goal is \$250,000. Over the next few weeks you will be getting a call from a Lakehead student who will be asking you to make a tax-deductible contribution. Your gift will go a long way in helping Lakehead University realize its goals.

For those of you who are already annual donors — thank you. We appreciate your support! A list of donors is published on the Lakehead University Magazine website.

17th Annual Alumni Open

The Alumni Association's annual golf tournament was held in August at the Strathcona Golf Course in Thunder Bay. More than 150 participants helped to raise \$6,500 towards alumni programming and funding for special projects. Special thanks to our donors and sponsors including Bob Thompson of Financial Concept Group, ARAMARK Canada, and The Chronicle-Journal, and to the volunteer committee: Dave McGowan, Al Law, Jack Cleverdon, Chris Maurik, Bob Rescigno, Bill Keeler and Ivan Cocks.

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1960s

Jo-Anne Minor (nee Cain) (BA'68) graduated in April 2000 from Providence Seminary in Otterburne, Manitoba, with an MA in counselling.

1970s

Perry Snow (BA'70, MA'74) recently published his book *Neither Waif Nor Stray: The Search for a Stolen Identity on the Internet*. The book is a biography his father's life as a British home child in Canada. Perry describes his book as "not simply a family history. My father's lifelong search for his identity represents the yearning of the 100,000 British home children to find the families from whom they were separated." A sample of his book is available online at www.upublish.com/books/snow.html

After spending 20 years in Iroquois Falls, Ontario, **Nick Saltarelli** (BSc'75) and **Pat** (née Jordan) (HBA'75) are moving to Quebec, where Nick will assume a job in Abitibi Consolidated's Montreal head office.

John A.G. McKeown (HBA'78) accepted a position at Isikent School in Izmir, Turkey, on the Aegean coast. He works closely with a Turkish teacher to support and deliver the English language component in conjunction with the Turkish curriculum. John also writes curriculum documents for the school and teaches elementary music part-time.

Rick Aikins (BAdmin'78) is vice-president of Mills/Sterling Aerospace, Inc., an aircraft parts supplier for NATO organizations and commercial operations such as Canadair, de Havilland and Allied-Signal.

Jan Brooks (BPHe'78, BE'79) married Gerry Kitto, an insurance adjuster, on June 3, 2000. Jan is a branch manager/ergonomist for Crawford Healthcare in London, Ontario.

Marc R. Levesque (ForTech'79) owns Mack North Sales & Service of Sudbury, North Bay, and Sault Ste. Marie.

Bob Moss (aka "Schriebs") (BSc'79) is alive and well and lives in Port Credit with his wife Kim and daughter Samantha. Bob works as an operational supervisor for Xerox's manufacturing plant in Mississauga. He would like to hear from the "old gang" of G-house, H-house and Porters suite; send e-mail to bob.moss@cmot.xerox.com

1980s

Frank Bastone (BOR'80) is on the move to Kenora to begin work as a northern development advisor for the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

"Time for a change of scenery — I'm moving to England for a year."

— Alana Berrington (BSc'97)

From 1990 to 1999, Frank was a northern development officer in Sioux Lookout. Daughters Daniela, 14, Dessa, 8, and Daria, 4, and wife Debbie round out his family.

Living in British Columbia since graduation, Child and Protection Social Worker **Donna Wyatt** (née Nearing) (HBSW'81) is married with two children aged 9 and 8.

K. John Bartlett (BEng '82) lives in New Brunswick with his family including two daughters aged 10 and 14. He is a mechanical superintendent with St. Anne Nackawic Pulp Co. Ltd.

Mahbub Jamal (MA'83) received a PhD in 1995 from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked as a lecturer and taught computer-assisted professional writing until the fall of 1999. Mahbub and his wife Aziza, a French teacher, began the new millennium in Maryland to pursue teaching at PG Community College.

Karen Clark (née Flay) (HBPE'84) married Neil Clark on April 29, 1989. The couple lives in Minnedosa, Manitoba, and report that they are

enjoying camping and skiing vacations with their two daughters, Jaiclyn, 8 and Melissa, 5. Karen, a mental health worker with the Brandon Regional Health Authority, hopes to hear from other HBPE Class of 1984 grads.

Having begun his legal career articling for a firm in Whitehorse, Yukon, **Allan Glenn Vinni** (EngTech'84, BA'86, HBA'87, MA'89) intends to remain in the north and build his career and homestead there. He tells us "it is a fantastic place."

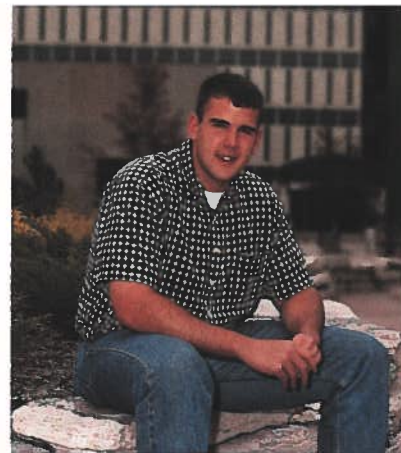
Ramin Dowlati (BEng'85) completed a PhD at the University of Toronto in 1992. He is currently pursuing an MBA part-time while working as a senior engineer for Owens Corning in Granville, Ohio.

Ron Fairbanks (HBSF '87) family has swelled to six following the birth of son Joel Delgado on Saturday, May 27, 2000. Wife Idalia and siblings Hannah, Tamara and Jason are ecstatic about the new arrival.

In 1992, **Peter Arnott** (HBOR'87) and **Chris Sieloff** (BScN'86) married and now enjoy two children, five-year-old Madeline and three-year-old Spencer. Peter sends notice to those who knew him, "Frick passed away in May 2000."

Helmut Pfeiffer (HBOR '65, MSc'88) and **Rosalie** (nee Kaemingk) (HSSC'85, BE'92) have moved to Owen Sound, where Helmut will continue his employment as a provincial officer with the Ministry of the Environment. Sons Caleb and Logan hope this will be the family's last move, and according to Helmut, "considering the beauty of the area and the proximity to family and friends — it looks like a sure thing."

Brad Brown (HBSW'88) has relocated to Thompson, Manitoba, to conduct research on the psychosocial benefits of regular trout fishing.



Chris Fernyc

Chris Fernyc (HBComm'97) has done well since graduating. At age 24, he is already a successful small-cap equity analyst who has found a unique way of giving something back to his Alma Mater.

With the help of Professor Ken Hartviksen, Fernyc established an annual competition for Lakehead finance students with cash prizes totaling \$1,000. The competition involves analyzing companies and making investment recommendations — not unlike his own work with Bissett & Associates Investment Management Ltd. in Calgary where he manages a portfolio of \$300 million. Says Fernyc: "I find that if there is a financial incentive, people tend to take the assignment a little more seriously."

He should know. In his fourth year, Fernyc was awarded \$1,000 for placing second overall in Canada in the TD Investment Challenge, a national competition for business students.

"Chris was the highest ranking student in the honours bachelor of commerce degree program in 1997," says Hartviksen. "We are extremely proud of his accomplishments and are grateful for his on-going commitment to the Faculty of Business Administration. Generations of finance students will be inspired by his example and his generosity."

This year's student winners were Jason Chuchman, Melanie Loukusa and Ryan Davis.

— Frances Harding



Peggy Smith

Peggy Smith (HBS'91) has returned to Lakehead to develop a unique program in Aboriginal forestry. She says it will be a mixture of history, politics, land use practices, values, and traditional ecological knowledge. The course will examine all of these topics and explore their implications on forest management.

Smith is a Registered Professional Forester of mixed Cree, French, Scottish and Irish ancestry. Since graduation, she has served as an advisor to the National Aboriginal Forestry Association whose goal is to increase Aboriginal participation in the forest sector.

"The big picture has changed," she says. "Forestry has moved away from an industrial model (timber harvesting) to one that encompasses integrated forest management that looks at in-depth social issues."

"We need more Aboriginal people who are qualified as foresters making a difference. We also need students currently in the program to understand what these issues are all about."

"There is already a solid support group for Native students here at Lakehead. We need to ensure that our programming is serving the needs of Aboriginal communities and that Aboriginal students who might consider forestry will feel comfortable."

For more information, contact Professor Peggy Smith at (807) 343-8672.

— Frances Harding

Anne Bamford (HBS'88) and Albert Sommerfield (BEng'89) announce the birth of their fourth child, Samuel Evan, on January 31, 2000. Anne stays home with the children running the "mom taxi" and Albert works for The Woodbridge Group. E-mail: alberts1@golden.net

1990s

Vice President of the Pedorthic Association of Canada Richard Bosch (HBK'90) works in Thunder Bay as a certified Pedorthic and is married to Beatrice (née Rondinelli) (BA/BEd'91). Beatrice teaches core French, math and religion at St. Ignatius High School, where she is the assistant coach of the 2000 SSSAA and NWOSSA championship Girls Volleyball Team.

Rennie Martin (BSc/BEd '90) has moved around a bit in recent years. In 1996 and 1997 she taught in Asuncion, Paraguay. From there, she moved to Guatemala City, Guatemala, to teach in 1998 and 1999 and recently Rennie accepted a two-year contract to teach science to grade 8 and 9 students in Manizales, Colombia.

John Daniel Allison (BEd '91) was awarded a Doctor of Education in the history of education from OISE at the University of Toronto in the fall

since graduation; she teaches grade one at St. Bernard School in the French Immersion Program.

Cathy Merit (née Davies) (HBSW'93) married her husband Mike in 1995 and had a son in 1997 and a daughter in 1999. This grad who signed up for the alumni e-mail directory service — found online at <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~alumni/emaframe.html> — looks forward to reconnecting with other HBSW'93 grads.

After graduating from Lakehead, Tim German (BA'93) went on to receive a diploma in law and security administration from Mohawk College in Brantford, Ontario, and a master's degree of science in secondary education from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. Tim still lives in New York working as the assets protection specialist for Target Stores. He was married on October 23, 1998.

Trevor Haley (BA'94) lived in Vancouver for three years before returning to school to complete an intensive I.T. program. He now works in Arizona and reports that "Eggplant is doing well and loves life."

Working in the field of public relations, Jeremy St. Louis (BSc'94) is the communications assistant for Medicine Hat College.

"I've relocated to conduct important research on the psychosocial benefits of regular trout fishing."

— Brad Brown (HBSW'88)

of 1999. His research focused on Canadian federalism, diplomacy and education. He is working on additional research and is busy with his two children.

Now a resident of California, Margaret Saxe (HBS'91) welcomed her second child Stephen to the world on November 10, 1999.

Marianne (née Moro) (BEd'92) and Steve Jollineau (BEng'90) married in 1989 and have two sons, Andrew, 9 and Matthew, 4. Marianne has taught with the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board

After graduation, Nicole Albert (BA/BEd'95) moved to Montreal to work for Bell Sports Canada. In 1998, she relocated to Ottawa to teach grade 7 early French immersion at Goulbourn Middle School. Nicole married Guy MacLaren of Montreal on July 3, 2000 in Lyford Cay, Bahamas.

Bob McMahon (HBComm'95) and Cheryl (née Dworak) (HBS'95) were wed in July 1997 and had a little boy on March 15, 2000.

Jennifer Roukkula (BA'95, HBSW'96) is a social worker

with the Ministry of Correctional Services at Millbrook Correctional Centre. She was recently accepted in the MSW program at McGill University.

Karen Joanne Sokolow (BA'96) started the new year with a new job and house in the Denver, Colorado, area. She is a spatial resource planning consultant with a GIS solution provider and enjoys spending her free time in the mountains.

"Still plugging away in social work," says Tammy Lorraine Doudiet (HBSW'96), a youth forensic social worker for the Ministry for Children and Families in British Columbia. Tammy has applied for a master's program at UNBC.

In September 2000, Michelle Lee Fisher (BA'96) commenced studies at Mohawk College (Brantford Campus) to become an orientation and mobility instructor for the visually impaired and blind.

Liam Halligan (BEd'97) is beginning his fourth year of teaching in California. He says, "There are lots of jobs here. Interested? E-mail me at liam_halligan@yahoo.com"

Brit Blum (BEd'97) is having a great time teaching English and working at a variety of jobs in the Republic of Panama.

Emergency Medical Technician Alana Berrington (BSc'97) figures it's "time for a change of scenery." Alana is moving to England for one year.

Nicole Maillette (BEng'98) bought a house, works as a design engineer at Thunder Bay's Bombardier plant, and plans to marry Steven Sellar (BEng'98) in July 2001.

Dan Miners (BEng'98), a maintenance engineer for Abitibi-Consolidated in Kenora, recently married Brittan Cummings (BA'95).

Kimberly Anne Ritchie (BEd'99) is a primary teacher at Ma-tah-ha-mao School in Peawanuck, Ontario.

In October 1999, Leila Paugh (BA'99) traveled to India on a mission trip with members of her congregation and presbytery. She is continuing her education in Welland, Ontario.

Grad Appointed Chancellor

Lakehead has chosen a world renowned scientist and one of its own graduates to be chancellor.

Lorne G. Everett is the chief scientist and senior vice-president at The IT Group in Santa Barbara, California, and director of the Vadose Zone Monitoring Laboratory at the University of California (Santa Barbara). He replaces The Very Rev. The Honourable Lois Wilson who chose to step down in July, after serving as chancellor for 10 years.



"Lakehead opened up doors for me around the world. Perhaps in some small way, my visibility can now open a few doors for Lakehead."

— Lorne G. Everett

"Senator Lois Wilson has been an outstanding ambassador for our institution," said Lakehead University President Fred Gilbert. "I am pleased that Lakehead has been able to find, in Lorne Everett, such an able person to continue her fine work."

Everett graduated from Lakehead University in 1968 with an honours bachelor of science degree in biology and went on to complete his masters and PhD (hydrology) degrees from the University of Arizona.

He is an expert on groundwater and vadose zone monitoring techniques and has conducted turn key monitoring programs at many solid waste landfills, hazardous waste disposal sites, and underground storage tank leak sites.

Throughout his career he has received numerous awards including, most recently, the Award of Merit from the American Society for Testing & Materials. In 1989, he received the Lakehead University Alumni Honour Award and, in 1996, he received the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, from Lakehead University.

Lorne Everett and his wife Jennifer (née Hawkins) were both raised in Thunder Bay and currently live in Santa Barbara, California.

Centre of Excellence

Lakehead will receive \$3.5 million from Health Canada over the next five years to establish a national Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs. It is one of five Centres of Excellence in Children's Well-Being currently being established as part of the federal government's contribution to the National Children's Agenda.

The Centre of Excellence at Lakehead will focus on the best ways to diagnose and treat children and adolescents in small, rural and remote communities who require care and services beyond those normally required for healthy development. This includes children and adolescents with extraordinary gifts and talents, developmental disabilities (e.g. autism), and problems due to cultural, linguistic and economic factors.

The new initiative is in keeping with Lakehead's mission of reaching out to rural and remote communities. It is also consistent with Lakehead's current initiative with Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, to establish a Northern Ontario rural medical school.



Mark Howe and Julia O'Sullivan

Two of the Centre's national directors are deans at Lakehead University: Julia O'Sullivan, dean of the Faculty of Education and Mark Howe, dean of graduate studies and research. For more information contact the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at (807) 343-8283.

In Memoriam

GEOFFREY WELLER

Professor Geoff Weller, former vice-president (academic) of Lakehead University and the first president of the University of Northern British Columbia, passed away on July 22, 2000, in Prince George, B.C., after a short illness. He was 58 years old.

Professor Weller, a well-respected political scientist, served on the Lakehead University faculty for almost 20 years. He held the position of vice-president (academic) from 1985 to 1990. A recognized expert in the area of northern health policy, Weller became the founding president of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George in 1990. He held that position until 1995 when he returned to teaching and research.



ANDY PAKRASTINS

Andy Pakrastins (HBSc'77) died suddenly in June 1999. He was born in Toronto in 1953 and was actively involved with the Latvian community. In 1973, he moved to Thunder Bay to study forestry where he met and married Marlene Weich. After several years in Northwestern Ontario, Pakrastins accepted a position with the BC Forest Service. As a professional forester, he played an active role in promoting forestry and sponsored over a dozen foresters-in-training and forestry pupils over the years.

ERRON WILLIAMS

Erron Williams, a student in the Kinesiology program from 1994-1998, passed away suddenly last July in Jasper, Alberta. He was 26. Williams will be remembered for his energetic personality, humour and positive outlook on life. He was a mentor to students and staff during the time he was Residence House President (Dryden House), Residence Assistant (Terrace Bay House), and Residence Assistant (Rainy River House). In an effort to increase varsity fan support, Erron and four other students created the "LU Super Heros" and entertained the crowds at varsity games from 1996 to 1998. To commemorate his contribution to Lakehead, a campaign has been developed to purchase seats in the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse in his memory. For more information, contact Shawna Hickey at (807) 345-0480.

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Somewhere Other Than Here

by Chuck Grieve

It blows across the road like snow, dances in the headlights like snow, swirls in the wake of the car in front just like snow — and sometimes, on a moonlit night, you can almost feel the tingle of frost on your nose and you could swear it was snow — but it's not. It's sand, and it's summer and the temperature outside your air-conditioned car is maybe 40 or 45 degrees. Such is life. The snows of memory are always brilliant white.

A camel was grazing on our hedge. Not a wild camel, just a stray doing a bit of freelance browsing before supper. I expected the kids at least to want to photograph it, but no, it was just a camel. Had it been a cow, it would have been a different story. You don't see many of them in Arabia, and certainly not straying into the carefully irrigated shrubbery.

Canada is a long way away from Dubai. We're already up and into the next day when you're going to bed in Thunder Bay. There are enough of us here for a Canadian Business Council, a Club for Canadians and the core of a pretty good junior hockey league, but only just. The Canadian Trade Consul favours cowboy boots. Maybe it's his way of reminding himself who he is. He wears them when he drops the puck for the boys of HMCSToronto versus the local Dubai Mighty Camels in an exhibition match. The navy always wins, but then their knees don't creak, and they don't have to be in the office at nine the next morning. Meanwhile, in the stands, we're shivering by the third period. No matter how hot it may be outside, you forget how cold it can get at the rink. That's about as close as we get to winter.



Illustration by Ann Clarke

My kids have never seen or felt a real Canadian winter. So I sympathize with fellow alumnus Mohit Ul Alam. He's back in Bangladesh, at the University of Chittagong. "When my children ask me what falling snow looks like, I wish I had some pictures to show them. Like life's many inconceivable matters, this one question torments me: Why did I not carry my camera out in the open snow-clad fields and to the woods around Lakehead?"

Know what, Mohit? Me neither. I remember it's much too nice just being out in fresh snow to be thinking about photographing it too. And as for the falling snow, it's got to be a non-transferable experience. For you at Lakehead it was a "matchless sight" as the flakes floated down from the heavens like feathers, "silent but eloquent." I know exactly what you mean, but how could our kids possibly understand?

Mine are the same, and no matter how many times they've heard my inane stories about snow, they always want to hear them again.

"Does it really get as deep as your armpits?" says the little one.

"Oh, at least, especially in drifts."

"A drift is like a sand dune, right?"

"Yes, just as soft and hard to climb, but cold."

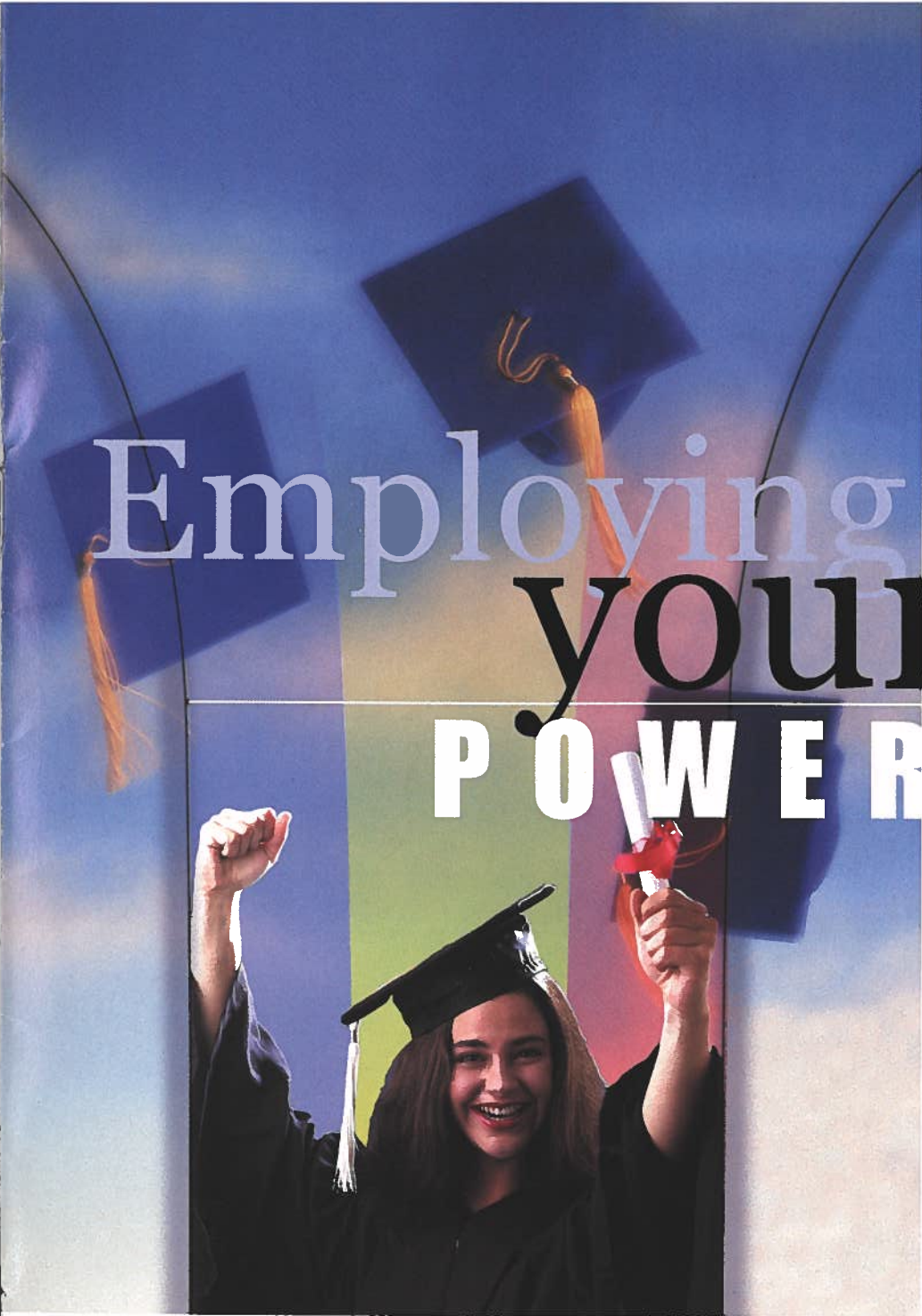
"As cold as the fridge?"

"Colder. Like sticking your head in the freezer and keeping it there for a few months." They laugh. Dad's finally cracked. Nothing can be that cold for that long.

So we decided last year to show them. We took them to Canada for Christmas. We took them to Winnipeg for some real winter. And it was cold all right, as only the Prairies at the tail end of December can be, but... there was no snow. Talk about a credibility crisis. One grey day precipitation threatened. Outside they ran, mouths open, tongues outstretched — "don't touch anything metal or you'll be sorry!" — to trap some unsuspecting snowflakes. Alas, not that day, nor the rest of the week. Back they came to the desert, none the wiser about snow. But their time will come. These things cannot be orchestrated.

Sometimes it bothers me that there are little Canadians like my children who have no experience of Canada. Then I think maybe that's not such a bad place to start — free of prejudices, misconceptions and other intellectual baggage. Better by far to let them experience their own fresh snow falling and see for themselves how wonderful it is.

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